



In his book *The Psychology of Nuclear Proliferation: Identity, Emotions, and Foreign Policy*, Jacques Hymans explores why few states have acquired nuclear weapons even though dozens have long been capable of doing so. He finds that the key to this surprising historical pattern lies not in externally imposed constraints, but in state leaders' conceptions of national identity.



Jacques Hymans spoke about his book *The Psychology of Nuclear Proliferation: Identity, Emotions, and Foreign Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) to a crowd of about 60 people at the Mershon Center on February 25, 2008.



**Richard Herrmann (left), Director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, presents the Edgar S. Furniss Book Award to Jacques E.C. Hymans, Assistant Professor of Government at Smith College, on February 25, 2008.**



**Jacques Hymans (second from right), speaks with a group of Mershon Center faculty members shortly before his lecture on February 25, 2008. With him are (from left to right) Ted Hopf, Associate Professor of Political Science; Bear Braumoeller, Assistant Professor of Political Science; Allan Silverman, Professor of Philosophy; and Marilyn Brewer, Professor of Psychology.**





**Richard Herrmann (left), Director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, poses with Edgar S. Furniss Book Award winner Jacques E.C. Hymans, Assistant Professor of Government at Smith College, on February 25, 2008. Hymans won for his book *The Psychology of Nuclear Proliferation: Identity, Emotions, and Foreign Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).**